

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING OF MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013 AT 200 HIGHLANDS BOULEVARD DRIVE

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor David L. Willson called the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

# 2. ROLL CALL AND STATEMENT OF QUORUM

Roll call showed those present were: Alderman Clement, Alderman Stevens, Alderman Hamill, Alderman Ottenad, Alderman Schrader, Alderman Diehl, Mayor Willson and Attorney Gunn.

# 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

# a. Minutes of the September 3, 2013 Regular Board of Aldermen meeting

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2013 Regular Board of Alderman meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection.

# 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF ORDER OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Alderman Hamill made the motion to approve the Order of Items on the Agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

# 5. CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

# a. Introduction of Boy Scout

Mayor Willson introduced Nick Stork from Boy Scout Troop 750, sponsored by Wren Hollow School. Scout Stork is working on his "Communications" Merit Badge.

# b. Discussion regarding Trova sculptures

Alderman Stevens stated that surrounding communities are inquiring if public art is becoming a new trend. Chesterfield, Webster Groves, Wildwood and Clayton have contemporary pieces in their communities. St. Louis County has access to these pieces for communities to feature. Cities may request or propose to loan a piece or two for up to fifteen years. Cities have to submit a proposal for consideration.

Alderman Stevens stated there have been lots of considerations and viewing of the pieces that they are proposing to be displayed in Manchester. She said they have made some suggestions on where the pieces would be located in the area of Manchester and Highway 141. They have spoken to the Missouri Department of Transportation, MoDOT, and they have also approved the locations. There is a minimal cost, and the agreement can be terminated by either the City or the County at any time with a ninety-day notice.

Alderman Stevens stated the pieces will be in good working order and will have been cleaned by the County when Manchester gets them. The City of Manchester will have to pay for the pieces to be transported and affixed. The pieces are valued at \$25,000 dollars each. The cost for moving the pieces is estimated at \$2,600 for both pieces. The City staff will prepare the sites for another \$2,500. There is a requirement to keep the pieces maintained which will be the City's responsibility, and that is estimated annually at \$1,400.

Alderman Hamill asked if there were any other discussions on locations where the art work could be located.

Director of Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Franz Kraintz answered there have been a few others, most noticeably by the electronic sign on the eastbound approach to the City at Sulphur Spring Road and Manchester. Because of the size of the pieces, they were looking for prominent, well-exposed areas, as opposed to neighborhoods and other locations.

Alderman Clement stated that was the only other place they looked at; they never considered the park.

Alderman Hamill asked if there was any other artwork considered, other than these.

Alderman Clement answered that the only offerings are Trova pieces.

Alderman Stevens stated there are smaller pieces, and these were the larger pieces. She said this is the flavor of all the artwork that they saw.

Alderman Hamill asked what maintenance will need to be done to these pieces, and how the costs were determined.

Director Kraintz advised that once the County has done the spot welds that they need to and applied the paint, maintenance will need to be done twice a year by washing with detergent and water, and once a year cleaning by wax buffering. He said Public Works gave him the estimate of \$1,400 annually.

Alderman Hamill asked if this would be done in house.

Director Kraintz stated it could be done with our own labor, unless we find volunteer organizations to cover that.

Alderman Hamill asked how this is done, if we submit a proposal to the County. He also asked if anyone else is interested in these pieces.

Alderman Clement stated we do submit the City's proposal to the County. He said they don't know if anyone else is interested in these pieces, but there are four or five other cities that are pursuing these pieces.

Alderman Stevens stated we could terminate the agreement if we give them a 90-day notice.

Alderman Ottenad asked if the quoted \$2,500 is for the pouring for one piece or for the total.

Alderman Schrader said he had a question about the painting and if the pieces will have to be removed to be painted.

Director Kraintz stated he hopes the pieces would not have to be moved for painting.

Alderman Stevens stated they were never led to believe the pieces would need to be removed for painting, because they were always intended to be anchored.

Alderman Schrader discussed the Environmental Protection Agency regulations, stressing that there are many regulations that have come into place in the last few years, and said he suspected St. Louis County would require an enclosure be placed around the pieces for painting.

Director Kraintz advised ten years ago, there was a contractor who spent all day painting the historic street lights, but the street lights were not relocated for that purpose, and the paint has lasted ten years.

Alderman Stevens made the motion that the Mayor be authorized to prepare and execute a letter on behalf of the City to the St. Louis County Museum of Transportation by which the City indicates its strong interest in the placement of two Ernest Trova sculptures within the City of Manchester. The motion included that the City Administrator be authorized to pursue further inquiries about the location of these sculptures at the areas the City determined to be appropriate and to finalize an estimate of the total cost associated with such placement. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Clement - aye Alderman Stevens - aye Alderman Hamill - nay Alderman Diehl - aye Alderman Schrader - nay Alderman Ottenad - aye

Mayor Willson announced the motion passed with a vote of 4 - 2.

# c. Comments from the Public

There were none.

# 6. REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR

# a. Mayoral Report

Mayor Willson reported on the Manchester Homecoming Festival which took place September 6, 7 and 8. On September 11, along with Chief Walsh, Captain Hunn, and Lieutenant Milligan, Mayor Willson attended a school program for children to recognize first responders in regard to 9-11. On September 12, Mayor Willson attended the staff meeting and the Metro Mayors meeting. Mayor Willson reported that he attended the Lafayette Area Mayors Organization meeting on September 13.

# 7. REPORTS FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

a. <u>List of Paid Bills (Warrant dates of September 1 – September 13, 2013)</u>

There were no questions.

#### b. Award given to Public Works Department

City Administrator Hixson spoke about the Public Works Department receiving a Certificate of Excellence for the Phase 2 Stormwater Management Plan which was presented by Metropolitan Sewer District.

Director of Public Works Bob Ruck stated it was for the best management practices for road salt usage.

# 8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

#### a. Planning and Zoning Commission

Alderman Clement stated they have not met and have no plans to meet currently.

# b. Historic Review Commission

Alderman Diehl stated they have been offered a display at the Grand Glaize Library in the month of August, 2014. They are in the process of trying to identify some artifacts that they want to put in there.

Alderman Diehl said they also discussed the Homecoming Booth. The next meeting will be November 18.

# c. Homecoming Committee

Alderman Ottenad stated that the weather during Homecoming was cooperative and they were able to hold the event all three days which was nice. Many people enjoyed the band on Friday night. She said this was the first year they had two bands and it was awesome. The community band was wonderful on Sunday.

Alderman Schrader stated there were 48 registered cars but a total of 50 cars were shown at the car show. The feedback was they would be back next year. He said that Firestone will donate four wheels next year.

#### d. Manchester Arts Council

Alderman Stevens stated Homecoming was great. There were lots of comments on the bands. They are continuing to look for more opportunities to include more public art in the community.

Alderman Clement stated the Arts Council wanted to thank the Parks Department for all their help; the staff was wonderful.

# 9. ACTION ON OLD BILLS

a. BILL # 13-2174 – AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING A LETTER OF CREDIT FOR CMJ INVESTMENT

Alderman Diehl read for the second time Bill # 13-2174, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-2032 BY EXTENDING THE ESCROW AGREEMENT OF CJM INVESTMENTS, LLC PROVIDED FOR THEREIN TO JULY 31, 2014", by title only.

Alderman Diehl made the motion that Bill # 13-2174 become Ordinance #13-2057. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Stevens - aye Alderman Hamill - aye Alderman Diehl - aye Alderman Schrader - aye Alderman Ottenad - aye Alderman Clement - aye

Mayor Willson announced that the motion passed 6 - 0, with no objections.

b. BILL # 13-2175 – AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CODE SECTION RELATIVE TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS

Alderman Hamill read for the second time Bill # 13-2175, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW SECTIONS 125.020 THROUGH 125.060 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING BY CERTAIN CITY POLICE OFFICERS", by title only.

Alderman Hamill made the motion that Bill # 13-2175 become Ordinance # 13-2058. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement.

A poll of the Board showed:

Alderman Schrader - aye Alderman Ottenad - aye Alderman Clement - aye Alderman Stevens - aye Alderman Hamill - aye Alderman Diehl - aye

Mayor Willson announced the vote passed 6 - 0, with no objections.

# 10. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BILLS

a. BILL AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING ANIMAL REGULATIONS

Alderman Ottenad read proposed Bill #13-2176, entitled: "AN ORDINANCE TOTALLY AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER RELATING TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS" by title only.

No further action at this time.

b. RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH METROPARK COMMUNICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES

Alderman Schrader made the motion for approval of Resolution #13-0458, entitled: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO ENTER INTO A FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH METROPARK

COMMUNICATIONS, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FORTY-THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$143,545.80) FOR NEW TELECOM SERVICES, NEW CLOUD AND MANAGED SERVICES, LEASING OF NEW EQUIPMENT, AND THE FIRST YEAR'S SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF MANCHESTER FACILITIES", by title only.

Detective Ed Skaggs stated Manchester is shutting down all of the current AT&T telephones that service the City and replacing them with lines from Charter Communications. He said financially the City will be saving money and increasing services, and also expanding connectivity to the Public Works Department.

Detective Skaggs stated there is disaster preparedness involved with this. City Hall loses power in storms because City Hall is a hub for public works and parks. With this change, Public Works will be the hub since they have a generator. It will be a more stable solution.

Detective Skaggs stated this proposal will increase the band width between the buildings so more data can be pushed between buildings. Costwise doing this will increase the capabilities and reduce monthly expense.

Detective Skaggs stated Metropark will upgrade the City's existing equipment and install a backup phone system at the Public Works building.

Alderman Hamill asked if the lines are going to be Charter lines and that the City will not be renting from AT&T. He said if the Internet goes out, he wonders what happens to the phone system.

Detective Skaggs stated when the Internet goes out, he believes the phone service should still stay active because it will be on two separate lines.

Alderman Clement asked about the agreement and the total amount the City will pay.

Detective Skaggs answered that he does not know the totals. He said the amount would probably be \$10,000 for five years. He said the City spends about \$2,500 a month on AT&T and now the City will increase services and reduce expenditures to \$2,200 to \$2,300 a month with Charter.

Alderman Ottenad wanted to make sure the City has enough money for this.

Detective Skaggs said they are reusing the amount budgeted and just going with a new company.

Detective Skaggs explained what the Charter Cloud is and how it is Charter's network. All communications lines are going through Charter.

Alderman Schrader made the motion for approval of Resolution # 13-0458. The motion was seconded by Alderman Hamill and carried unanimously, without objection.

# c. RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR ASPHALT OVERLAY AT SCHROEDER PARK

Alderman Stevens read Proposed Resolution #13-0459, entitled: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF MANCHESTER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH L.F. KRUPP CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-THREE DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-THREE CENTS (\$49,593.73) FOR THE ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT AT PAUL A. SCHROEDER PARK" by title only.

Director of Parks and Recreation Eileen Collins explained the alternate bid being added on is for filling the butt joints where they adhere to any concrete or any existing asphalt pavement instead of a milling.

Alderman Stevens made the motion for approval of Resolution # 13-0459. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clement and carried unanimously, without objection.

# 11. <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>

### a. <u>Comments from the Public</u>

Alderman Schrader congratulated the Parkway South Varsity Cheerleading Squad for finishing in third place in the State competition.

# 12. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:12 p.m., there being no further business, Alderman Hamill made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderman Schrader and carried unanimously, without objection. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Baker, CMC/MRCC City Clerk

**Note:** This is a journal of the Board of Aldermen meeting held September 16, 2013 (summary); not a verbatim transcript. If a recording of the meeting is desired, please contact City Hall.